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1. THE GDR ORGANIZED NO PUBLIC RALLIES TO MARK THE SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BERLIN WALL AND LITTLE PRESS ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO THE EVENT. THE DATE WAS OBSERVED BY EDITORIALS IN NEUES DEUTSCHLAND (ND) AND BERLINER ZEITUNG. NEUES DEUTSCHLAND PREDICTABLY HAILED THE EVENTS OF AUGUST 13, 1961 IN STRENGTHENING THE GDR'S "FRONTIERS" WITH WEST BERLIN AND THE FRG
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AS AN HISTORIC STEP TOWARD EUROPEAN PEACE. ND SUGGESTS THAT THE WALL CONTRIBUTED TO THE FOUR POWER AGREEMENT ON (WEST) BERLIN, THE FRG TREATIES WITH MOSCOW AND WARSAW, THE BASIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE GDR, AND THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. THE ND EDITORIAL WARNED OF THE DANGEROUS POLICY IN THE FRG WHICH INSISTS THAT LEGAL ISSUES WHICH HAVE LONG SINCE BEEN DEAD ARE

STILL OPEN.

2. SOME GDR AND SOVIET MILITARY UNITS WERE ACTIVE IN AND AROUND BERLIN AREA IN A MANNER WHICH SEEMED CALCULATED TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THEIR PRESENCE.

3. COMMENTS: THE LOW-KEY -- ALMOST NONEXISTENT -- TREATMENT OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BERLIN WALL IS IN CONTRAST TO THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVATIONS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL WHEN THE OCCASION WAS CELEBRATED BY LARGE, ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATIONS AND A PARA-MILITARY PARADE. THIS YEAR THE DATE WAS GIVEN THE MINIMUM NOTICE POSSIBLE. THIS IS PROBABLY DUE, IN PART, TO A DESIRE TO DOWNPLAY THE WALL ON THE EVE OF THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE AND TO THE FACT THAT IT WAS NOT A QUINDECENNIAL ANNIVERSARY. POLANSKY

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